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AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY INDIA TO

DRAFT RESOLUTION ON NUCLEAR TESTING (No. GC(42)/26)

I. Preambulatory paragraph (c) to be replaced by the following text:

Recalling United Nations General Assembly resolution 52/11 of 12 November 1997 on the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency, in which the General Assembly inter alia urged all States to strive for effective and harmonious cooperation in promoting the use of nuclear energy and the application of necessary measures to strengthen further the safety of nuclear installations and to minimise the risks to life, health and the environment.

II. Preambulatory paragraph (d) to be replaced by the following text:

Recalling the Final Document of the XII Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement at Durban, September 2-3, 1998, which, inter alia, noted that "the present situation whereby Nuclear Weapon States insist that nuclear weapons provide unique security benefits, and yet monopolise the right to use them, is highly discriminatory, unstable and cannot be sustained" and in this context noted further, "the complexities arising from nuclear tests in South Asia, which underlined the need to work even

harder to achieve the disarmament objectives, including elimination of nuclear weapons".

III. Preambulatory paragraph (e) to be replaced by the following text:

Considering positively the commitment by the Parties concerned in the region to exercise restraint, which contributes to regional security, to discontinue nuclear tests and not to transfer nuclear weapons related material, equipment and technology.

IV. Preambulatory paragraph (f) to be replaced by the following text:

Recalling the important role of the International Atomic Energy Agency to "seek to accelerate and enlarge the contribution of atomic energy to peace, health and prosperity throughout the world".

V. Preambulatory paragraph (g) to be replaced by the following text:

Reaffirming that the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons must constitute an essential foundation for the pursuit of nuclear disarmament, and regretting the lack of effective progress in implementing Article VI of the Treaty; and stressing the significance of universal adherence to the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test Ban Treaty, including by all nuclear weapon states, and the commencement of negotiations in the Conference on Disarmament on fissile materials (decision CD/1547) which,

inter alia, should accelerate the process of nuclear disarmament.

VI. Operative paras 1, 2, 3 and 4 to be replaced by the following text:

1. Emphasises the urgent need for the international community to negotiate and implement universal, non-discriminatory, disarmament measures with a view to the adoption of an action plan for the elimination of nuclear weapons within a time-bound framework.

2. Endorses the call of the XII Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement at Durban for an international conference, possibly in 1999, with the objective of arriving at an agreement, before the end of the millennium, on a phased programme for the complete elimination of nuclear weapons with a specified framework of time to eliminate nuclear weapons, to prohibit their development, production, acquisition, testing, stockpiling, transfer, use and threat of use and to provide for their destruction.

VII. In operative paragraph 5

(a) In line 2 after the phrase **fissile material** add the phrase "for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices"; and

(b) In line 3 after the word **completed** add the phrase "by general agreement".

VIII. Delete operative paragraph 6.